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Sir,

In response to the advisory action of April 18, 2007, and further to the request for continued examination filed on May 1, 2007, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the claims, and reconsideration of the application in view of these amendments and remarks below.